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Apartado 96-Bis
Mexico, D.F..

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16th April, 1946.

Dear Department,

In reply to your letter VR 39140 of the 18th ultimo, we admit that we were at fault in not consulting you about these visas. The fact is that by some momentary lapse we omitted to follow the invariable routine of consulting the indexes.

Before giving the visas, we consulted the local Security Office (who had introduced the applicants) and they were in favour of granting them. The applicants were official repatriates of the Czecho Slovak Government and the visas were officially requested by the Czecho Slovak Legation.

Early in February, 1944, Consul General Rees referred an application for a Trinidad visa by Katz in two successive telegrams sent through the Security Office and receiving no reply had to assume the visa was approved and granted it.

The departure of both applicants from here was reported by the Security Office to their New York organization in good time before their arrival there.

The Security Office here has reported on the matter to their London headquarters.

Yours ever,

Mexico Consulate General.

Passport Control Department,
Foreign Office,
Broadway Buildings,
Westminster, S.W.1.
England.

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 PF 42279 KISCHMANN/KATZ
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PF.41664/C.I.(S.I)

1st April, 1946.

Dear Mr. Lumsden,

KATZ, Otto - SC 8455.

KATZ, Ilse, nee KLAGEMANN - SC8457.

KISCH, Egon Erwin - SC8459.

The above-named were originally put on HOSI at the request of this office. We would like all these circulars maintained please. At present the action for Ilse KATZ reads refuse visa and RLL, while KATZ, Otto and KISCH, Egon are simply RLL. We would like the action in the two latter cases i.e. SC 8455 and SC 8459 to be amended to refuse visa and RLL.

May I please have two copies of these three circulars. I assume you will add the letter 'M' to column six of HOSI to show our interest in SC's 8455, 8457 and 8459.

Incidentally KATZ, Otto was sent to you under cover of our letter SP.90/14/47 of 14.1.46 for inclusion in our PWBL. As KATZ is already in HOSI will you delete him from this list and allow the present circular to stand.

I appreciate that these people were landed at Southampton on 7.3.46 but their visas were apparently

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1st April, 1946.

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granted direct in Mexico. There is no indication that KATZ, KISCH and KLAGEMANN have in any way modified their activities and it would seem most undesirable that they should be allowed to land in the country again.

Yours sincerely,

M.H.

Mary E. Hobkirk,
for J.H. Adams.

J.B. Lumsden Esq.,
Aliens Department,
Home Office,
10 Old Bailey,
London E.C.4.

M.H./M.B.

SECRET

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26th March 1946.

Kensington 5151

Ref: P.F. 41664/F.2.a(b)/MBT

Dear Cimperman,

In answer to your letter No.1884 of the 8th March 1946 and further to my letter of the 15th March (reference as above) you may like to know that Otto KATZ and Egon KISCH and their wives left this country by air from Croydon on the 21st March. They gave their destination as Prague and both stated that they had no intention of returning to this country.

Yours sincerely,

E. L. Spencer.

J. A. Cimperman, Esq.,
American Embassy,
1 Grosvenor Square,
LONDON, W.1.

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26th March 1946.

Kensington 5151

Ref: P.F. 41664/F.2.a(b)/MBT

Dear Mr. Philby,

In confirmation of my telephone conversation yesterday morning with Mr. Montgomery on behalf of Captain Coombes, we have now been informed that Otto KATZ and Egon KISCH and their wives left this country on 21.3.46 by air from Croydon. They gave their destination as Prague and both stated that they had no intention of returning to this country.

Yours sincerely,

Uniondrow
M. B. Towndrow.

H. A. R. Philby, Esq., O.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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S.B. No. 5. (Flimsy)

CROYDON AIRPORT.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

SPECIAL REPORT.

ENCL. None

22 MAR 1946

TO B2a

21st day of March 1946

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SUBJECT

Otto KATZ

Egon KISCH.

REFERENCE TO
PAPERS.

OO/WIR/32.

20/FBK/157

With reference to Superintendent's memorandum dated 18.3.46 concerning Otto KATZ (subject of Special Branch suspect book) and Egon KISCH:-

These men left this port at 8.30 a.m. today for Prague.

Otto KATZ, subject of 300/WIR/32, was travelling on Czech passport No. 217296 issued Mexico on 8.10.45. This showed that he was born on 27.5.95 at Jistebnice, Czecho-Slovakia. He was accompanied by his wife, [Ilse], born 8.2.01 at Wilhelmshaven, who was travelling on Czech passport No. 217297 issued Mexico on 8.10.45.

[Egon Erwin KISCH], subject of 320/FBK/157, was travelling on Czech passport No. 217298 issued Mexico on 7.10.45, which showed that he was born on 29.4.85 at Prague. He was accompanied by his wife, Gisela, born Busk 23.5.95, travelling on Czech passport No. 217299 issued Mexico on 8.10.45.

These persons were landed at Southampton on 6.3.46 in transit to Czecho-Slovakia. KATZ has been staying at his former London rendezvous, the Howard Hotel, Norfolk Street, W.C.2, while KISCH gave his address as 55 Gloucester Place, W.

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Both men stated that they had no intention
of returning to this country.

F. A. Manning
Sergeant.

Submitted.

E. J. Hathaway
Sergeant.*L. J. L. L.*
SUPERINTENDENT.

22 MAR 1946

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CROYDON

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- 1) KATZ, Otto
- 2) KATZ, Ilse

H.M. Chief Inspector,

The undermentioned embarked today for
Prague:-

KATZ, Otto. Born:- 27.5.95 at Jistibuler?
Nationality:- Czech
Passport:- 217296 Mexico 8.10.45

He is the subject of SC.8455, and was
C/L at Southampton on 6.3.46 I/T to Czecho-
slovakia.

He was accompanied by his wife, Ilse KATZ
born 8.2.08 at Wilhelmshaven, passport No.
217297 issued in Mexico on 8.10.45.

These aliens were travelling in the
company of [Egon Erwin KISCH and his wife, Gisela
KISCH (see CROY 2134/46)]

report filed in
RF.41804

21.3.46.

Copy to M.I.5.

Major Casey
M.I.5.

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Copies in: PF 41804
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Kensington 5151

15th March 1946.

Ref: P.F. 41664/F.2.a(b)/MBT

Dear Cimperman,

With reference to your letter No.1856 of the 15th February 1946, Otto KATZ and Egon KISCH and their wives (Ilse KATZ and Gisela KISCH) were landed at Southampton on the 6th March 1946 from the "Queen Elizabeth". Katz' wife, better known as Ilse KLAGEMANN, is also a Communist. The party were travelling on Czechoslovak passports issued in Mexico City on the 8th October 1945 and were in possession of transit visas for this country and Sweden issued Mexico City on the 14th February 1946. They were landed for a period not exceeding fourteen days on condition that they reported to the Police. On the 7th March they left Southampton for London where they made immediate contact with the Czechoslovak Legation.

The original intention was that they should travel by sea from this country to Sweden and thence by air to Czechoslovakia but I understand that these arrangements has since been changed and they now hope to proceed via France.

The Spaniard, [Antonia Gomez DEANS] — A.86,555. was not on board the "Queen Elizabeth" and I have ascertained

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15th March 1946.

Kensington 5151

Ref: P.F. 41664/F.2.a(b)/MBT

Deputy Assistant Commissioner,
Special Branch.

Many thanks for your letters of the 7th and 8th March 1946, reference 300/WIR/32, about the arrival of Otto KATZ, Egon KISCH and their wives. I should be grateful if you would convey to the officers concerned our appreciation of the care and trouble they have taken over this matter.

We have since heard that Katz and Kisch have changed their plans. The original intention was that they should proceed by sea from this country to Sweden and thence by air to Czechoslovakia. I now understand that the Czechoslovak Legation in London has applied for French transit visas and that these would be granted when Katz and Kisch arrived in London. It seems likely, therefore, that the party will embark in due course for France. Should you learn of their departure I should be grateful if you would let me know.

M. B. Towndrow
M. B. Towndrow.

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15th March 1946

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of: P.F. 41664/P.F.a(8)/MPT

Dear Mr. Philby.

In confirmation of Mr. Smith's telephone conversation with Captain Bloomer on 12.3.46, we have now ascertained that Otto KATZ and Eugen KISCH intend to return to Czechoslovakia via France. The original intention was that they should travel by sea from this country to Sweden and thence by air to Czechoslovakia. I understand that the Czech Legation in London has made an application for visas to enable the party to travel to France and that these would be granted when Katz and Kisch arrived in London.

Katz and Kisch, accompanied by their wives Ilse Katz and Gisela KISCH nee MYER, were landed at Southampton on 6.3.46 from the "Queen Elizabeth" for a period not exceeding fourteen days and on condition that they registered immediately with the Police. Katz's wife, formerly his mistress and better known as Ilse KLAGEMANN is also a Communist. They were travelling on Czechoslovakia passports issued in Mexico City on 8.10.45 and were in possession of transit visas for this country and Sweden issued in Mexico City on 14.2.46. They left Southampton for London on 7.3.46 and got into touch straight away with the Czechoslovak Legation.

Katz, Kisch and Klagemann have been the subject of frequent correspondence between our offices.

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KISCH -
KLAGEMANN - CX.6690/V

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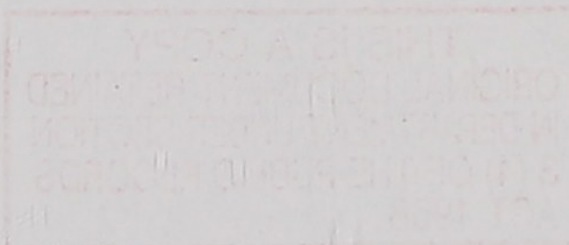
According to current arrangements,
the party will be leaving for France in due course and
I will try to let you know by telephone as soon as
possible when they are due to leave.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. Townsend
W. H. Townsend.

W. A. W. Philby, Esq., C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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13th March, 1946.

Czechoslovak Communists from Mexico in London.

016 The well known Czechoslovak writers [Egon Erwin PF 41804
KISCH] and Leo KATZ, both members of the Communist Party,
arrived from Mexico in London, en route for Prague.

E.5.L.

15th March, 1946.

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THIS REPORT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO E.5.L.

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Kensington 5151.

P.F. 41664/D.4.a.4. ✓

12th March, 1946.

Dear Back,

The following four persons arrived in the U.K. on the 6th inst. with transit visas as shown opposite their names:

KATZ, Otto.) Visa No. 115, Mexico City 14.2.46.
KATZ, Ilse.)

KISCH, Egon Erwin. Visa No. 111, Mexico City 14.2.46.
KISCH, Gisela. Visa No. 112, Mexico City, 14.2.46.

Otto KATZ is the subject of H.O. Circular, S.C. 8455 code "R.D." and on the C.I.W.B.L., case No. 599, "Refuse visa".

Ilse KATZ is subject of H.O. Circular S.C. 8457, code "D".

Egon Erwin KISCH is the subject of H.O. Circular S.C. 8459, code "D".

So far as we can trace, however, none of these visas seem to have been even referred to us. Perhaps you would be good enough to look into this, and let me know the result of your investigations.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Mars.

P. Back, Esq.,
Passport Control Department.

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SOUTHAMPTON

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X KATZ, Otto and wife, Ilse. +

Nationality
Occupation
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Passport

Czechoslovak.

Writer.

27th May, 1895.

Mistekice, Czechoslovakia.

No. 267296 issued at Mexico City on
5th October, 1945.No. 195 granted at Mexico City on 14th
February, 1946. Valid for a single
journey to the United Kingdom in transit
to Czechoslovakia.

Visa

c/o Czechoslovak Embassy, London.

Address in U.K.

Copy to H.L. 5.

H.L. Chief Inspector,

The above-named aliens arrived yesterday on the SS. "Queen Elizabeth" from New York. On the 9th instant a telephone message was received from H.L. Superintending Inspector (Mr. Spinks) to the effect that he had been informed by Captain Kennedy, of H.L. 5., that Otto KATZ, Egon Ervin KISCH and Antonio GOMEZ Y DIAZ were on board the SS. "Queen Elizabeth" in transit to Czechoslovakia. It was said that the Passport Control Officer at New York had not granted visas to these men and that H.L. 5. had requested that if the men are allowed to land their stay should be limited to fourteen days, that they should be required to report to the Police and that their addresses should be notified to H.L. 5. When the ship arrived it was found that Otto KATZ and his wife Ilse (nee KLAGEMANN) were on board travelling together with Egon Ervin KISCH and his wife Gisela (nee LYNER), but Antonio GOMEZ Y DIAZ was not on board. KISCH and his wife are the subjects of a separate report, Sdn. 704/46.

Otto KATZ was confirmed to be the subject of SC. 8455 and Central Security War Black List Case No. 599 directing that he should be refused a visa and refused leave to land. Ilse KATZ is the subject of SC. 8457 indicating that she should be refused a visa and refused leave to land.

Otto KATZ produced a letter of introduction No. 342 dated 17th February, 1946, from the Czechoslovak Legation at Mexico City requesting that all possible favours and facilities should be accorded to him and stating that he was a refugee in Mexico returning to Czechoslovakia at the request of his Government. He stated that it was his intention originally to travel to Czechoslovakia via Sweden, going to the latter country by sea and continuing the journey by air, and with this object he and his wife had obtained visas for travel to Sweden granted at Mexico City on 15th February, 1946, and valid until for entry into Sweden between 5th March and 5th April, 1946. These plans had to be changed and KATZ said that arrangements had been made for passage via air to travel to Czechoslovakia, and that he and his wife had obtained visas for travel to Czechoslovakia via air, and that they would be able to travel to Czechoslovakia via air.

KATE stated that he left Czechoslovakia for France in 1933 and left the latter country in January, 1940, for the United States with a view to going to Mexico. He entered Mexico in November, 1940, and said that he had been resident there ever since. While there he wrote for and edited the newspaper "El Popular", a Latin-American trade union daily. He is the author of the book entitled "V'acense". He stated that he is known personally to the Right Honourable Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Minister of Education, and he produced what purported to be a telegram from her asking him to telephone her on arrival here. He said that he had known Miss Wilkinson for thirteen years.

KATE stated that he married Elsie KLASIMAN on 5th September, 1935, in Paris. She carried Czechoslovak passport No. 217297 issued at Mexico City on 8th October, 1945, showing that she was born at Wilhelmsleben on 8th February, 1903. This passport bore a British visa similar to that granted to her husband, No. 116 granted at Mexico City on 14th February, 1946.

KATE is a writer on international politics and is well-known in international Left-Wing circles.

Being the subjects of circulars, both aliens were refused leave to land under Article 1 (3) g of the Aliens Order pending reference of the case to Headquarters, refusal notices being served on the Master and the aliens. In view of the wishes of Central Security and of the interest which Miss Wilkinson appears to have in KATE, the case was referred to H.M. Superintending Inspector (Mr. Spinks) for further instructions. Mr. Spinks later directed that the aliens could be permitted to land in transit with a definite time limit of fourteen days on their stay in the U.K. and that the address to which they were going should be ascertained. The refusal notices were accordingly withdrawn and they were both permitted to land on the following conditions:-

"Permitted to land at Southampton on condition that the holder registers with the Police at once and does not remain in the United Kingdom longer than fourteen days in transit to Czechoslovakia."

KATE was quite unable to give any address to which he would be going. He said that accommodation would be reserved by the Czechoslovak Embassy in London and for that reason he was particularly anxious to get to London in the early evening of the 6th March. This was found to be impossible, so KATE and KISCH and their wives stayed at the Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, for the night and it is understood that they left for London this morning. They had a large quantity of baggage and I understand that Messrs. Reeves Robson, Limited, of Southampton, have instructions to send this baggage to an address to be communicated to them. This firm has promised to let us know the address when they are advised.

W. H. Daw

7th March, 1946.

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SOUTHAMPTON

698/46.

KATZ, Otto and wife, [Ilse.] P.F. 42279.

<u>Nationality.</u>	Czechoslovak.
<u>Occupation.</u>	Writer.
<u>Date of birth.</u>	27th May, 1895.
<u>Place of birth.</u>	Jistehnice, Czechoslovakia.
<u>Passport.</u>	No. 217296 issued at Mexico City on 8th October, 1945.
<u>Visa.</u>	No. 115 granted at Mexico City on 14th February, 1946. Valid for a single journey to the United Kingdom in transit to Czechoslovakia.
<u>Address in U.K.</u>	c/o Czechoslovak Embassy, London.

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W. J. Daw
7th March, 1946.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
1, Grosvenor Square
London, W. 1
March 8, 1946

No. 1884

Dear Mr. Hollis:

1804 Please refer to my letter of February 15, 1946 addressed to Major Vesey regarding OTTO KATZ and EGON KISCH. I have received further word indicating that they are both traveling under Czech passports and that they actually departed from New York City on February 28, 1946 aboard the Queen Elizabeth for repatriation to Czechoslovakia via England. The Queen Elizabeth, I am told, was scheduled to arrive at Southampton at noon on March 6, 1946.

KATZ, according to the Bureau, is reliably reported as having been a comintern agent for many years. He was a former associate of GEORGE DMITROFF, and was more recently active in Freies Deutschland, Mexico, D.F.

KISCH is reported as being an old communist. He studied in the soviet union. He is reported as having been an NKVD and comintern agent and at one time as soviet agent in China. KISCH was also active in Freies Deutschland, Mexico, D.F.

Both KATZ and KISCH are accompanied by their wives ILSE and GESEL respectively. They arrived in Laredo, Texas, from Mexico on February 18, 1946. A customs search was unproductive. KATZ was born at Jistebnice, Czechoslovakia on May 27, 1895 and is carrying Czechoslovakia passport No. 217297. KISCH was born in Prague on April 29, 1885 and is traveling on Czechoslovakia passport No. 217298.

I will appreciate your keeping me informed of any developments.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Cimperman
J. A. Cimperman

CC Mr. H. A. R. Philby

Mr. Roger H. Hollis
58, St. James' Street
London, S. W. 1

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S.B. No. 5. (Flimsy)

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392AMETROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

SPECIAL REPORT.

8th. day of March, 1946.

PF H1664

SUBJECT

Otto KATZ. X

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REFERENCE TO
PAPERS.

With further reference to the telephone message dated 7-5-46 from Inspector Brown, Port of Southampton to Superintendent Special Branch, which notified the arrival at Waterloo S.R. Station at 1 p.m. yesterday:- of Otto KATZ:-

While observation was being kept on the suspect during the period when he was making telephone calls, it was ascertained by P.C. Hobbs that KATZ called Sloane 9241.

The usual enquiry to trace the subscriber to this number showed it to be - the Czecho-Slovakian Embassy, 8, Grosvenor Place, W.1.

H. Brent
Sergeant.

Submitted.

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Inspector.

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Superintendent

S.B. No. 5. (Flimsy)

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METROPOLITAN POLICE (Special Branch)

SPECIAL REPORT.

Report

8 11/3 1946 7th. day of March, 1946

SUBJECT

KATZ.
Otto & Ilse
and
KISCH, Egon &
Gisela.

REFERENCE TO
PAPERS.

300/WIR/32.

With reference to the attached telephone message:-

In company with P.C. Hobbs, I went to Waterloo S.R. Station and met the 11-27 a.m. train from Southampton Central which arrived at 1p.m.

Otto and Ilse KATZ and Egon and Gisela KISCH were recognised and followed to the left luggage office where they deposited their baggage, and thence to the Station Dining Rooms where they lunched. KATZ came out from lunch at 2-15 p.m. and spent most of the afternoon making telephone calls from the booths on the station.

At 4-15 p.m. the party collected the baggage and drove in taxi-cabs (Plate Numbers 5486 & 8664) to the Piccadilly Hotel, Piccadilly, W.1.

It was discreetly ascertained from an informant that the four persons will be staying for four nights; and arrangements have been made whereby any further information needed can be obtained at the hotel.

Submitted.

Inspector.

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Superintendent.

PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON. 3910

S.B. No. 1. (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

COPY.

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

SUBJECT KATZ,

7th day of March, 1946

and wife,
Ilse, etc.

In confirmation of telephone messages to Superintendent at 7-25 p.m., 6-3-46 and 11-50 a.m., 7-3-46 :-

Reference to Papers

300 /WIR/32.

Otto KATZ, subject of Special Branch Suspect Book, arrived at this port at 12-50 p.m., 6-3-46 from New York on R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth". He was travelling on Czecho-Slovakian passport No: 217296 issued in Mexico City on 8-10-45, giving his date and place of birth as 27-5-1895 at Jistebusie, Czecho-Slovakia and bearing British Transit Visa No: 115 issued in Mexico City on 14-2-46.

He was accompanied by his wife, Ilse, born 8-2-03 (Wilhelmshaven), Czecho-Slovakian passport No: 217297 issued Mexico City on 6-10-45, British Transit visa No: 116 issued Mexico City on 14-2-46, and Egon Ervin KISCH born 29-4-1885 (Prague), described as a writer, Czecho-Slovakian passport No: 217298 issued Mexico City on 7-10-45 - British Transit Visa No: 111 issued Mexico City on 14-2-46, who was with his wife, Gisela, born 23-8-95 (Busk, Poland), Czecho-Slovakian passport No: 207299 issued Mexico City on 8-10-45, British Transit Visa No: 112 issued Mexico City on 14-2-46.

KATZ and KISCH were each in possession of a letter dated 17-2-46 given by the Czecho-Slovakian Legation in Mexico City stating that they and their wives, who were former refugees in Mexico, are returning to Czecho-Slovakia at the request of their Government and asking that facilities be given where possible.

All four aliens were formally refused leave to land pending a decision by Home Office; after consideration of their case, and in view of the fact that they were in transit to Czecho-Slovakia via Sweden, they were ultimately permitted to land on condition that they register at once with police and do not remain longer than 14 days, in direct transit to Czecho-Slovakia. They all left the Docks at 7-5 p.m., and remained overnight at the Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.

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The party left for London from Southampton Central Station at 11-27 a.m. 7-3-46, due at Waterloo about 1 p.m.

It is understood that KISCH and his wife were formerly resident in Berlin but because of their anti-Nazi sentiments and his writings, they hurriedly left Germany in 1933 and took up residence in France. He also stayed in this country for a short while and had several books published, including "Secret China", "Australian Landfall" and "Three Cows". They left for Mexico about 5½ years ago, and have resided there until the present time.

Dr. Bedrick KISCH of 37, Randolph Crescent, W.9 (N.R.I No: AKA 2224204) and Miss R. LINER of 46, Hereford Road, W.2 were present on the quayside and later boarded the "Queen Elizabeth" where they had conversation with KATZ and KISCH.

Conrad Brown
Inspector.

D. Thompson
SUPERINTENDENT.

METROPOLITAN POLICE-TELEGRAM.

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From Insp. Brown.
 Southampton.
 Forwarded at

6th day of March 1946.
 To Supt. Special Branch.
 Received at 7-20 p.m.

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Sec 11
 Otto KATZ, subject of Special Branch suspect Book arrived at Southampton at 12.50 p.m. to-day from New York in the "Queen Elizabeth". He was travelling in transit to Czechoslovakia via Sweden with his wife Ilse and two other Czechs :- Egon Ervine KISCH and Mrs. GISELLA KISCH. After reference to Home Office, they were landed conditionally for fourteen days and they eventually left the docks at 7.5. p.m., for the Dolphin Hotel, Southampton. They will spend the night there and information is that they will proceed to London to-morrow morning. They gave their intended address as the Czechoslovakian Legation, London.

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P.F. 42279 - KATZ Ilse.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX 12650/2772/R.5.C.1.

23rd February, 1946.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Reference our CX 12650/2772/
R.5.C.1. of 19.2.46. and our telephone conver-
sation yesterday.

Our representative's report
was that KATZ, KISCH and their wives hoped
to leave for Czechoslovakia on the Queen
Elizabeth from New York about February 23rd
and that they had transit visas for the U.K.
and Sweden.

[Antonio GOMEZ Y DEANS] travelling
on a Russian Letter of Identity was to
accompany the party from Mexico to New York
where he would embark for Russia.

Our representative hopes to
obtain further information which we shall,
of course, pass on to you.

Noted in P.F. 42279 -
KATZ, H.S.

Yours sincerely,

For H.A.R. Philby.

B. Smith, Esq.
M.I.5.

None.
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Dear Mr. Smith,

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Regarding our telephone conversation yesterday evening I now see that you have already received the same information about Otto KATZ and Egon KISCH from CIMPERSMAN in a letter No. 1856 of February 15th, 1946 addressed to Major VESEY, so I will not repeat it now. We have no trace of [Antonio GOMEZ Y DEANS] - R. 35,555.

PF 11804

Yours sincerely

For H.A.R. Philby

B. Smith, Esq.
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Following is advance information from Mr. Cimperman
confirming it by letter in due course :-

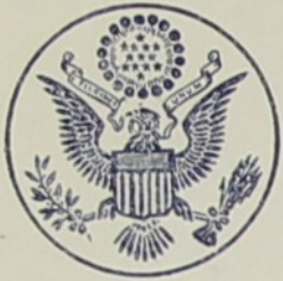
We just received word from the F.B.I. today that
IO GOMEZ DEANS, a Spaniard, carrying an affidavit
of Mexican citizenship in lieu of passport, together
with OTTO KATZ and EGON KISCH both of whom were
arrested at one time as being Comintern agents, are
scheduled to leave Mexico City today by train for
New York where KISCH and probably the others expect
to depart for Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth
on February 23, 1946".

He gave this information to Mr. Hollis on 15.2.46.

for R.H.Hollis.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
1, Grosvenor Square
London, W. 1
February 15, 1946

No. 1856

Not sent to Major Vesey.

Attention: R. H. HOLLIS

Dear Major Vesey:

PF. 85,566. PF. 41804. see CN 18/2

I have just received word from the FBI today that [ANTONIO GOMEZ DEANS], a Spaniard, carrying an affidavit of Soviet citizenship in lieu of passport, together with OTTO KATZ and [EGON KISCH] both of whom were reported at one time as being Comintern Agents, are scheduled to leave Mexico City today by train for New York where KISCH and probably the others expect to depart for Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth about February 23, 1946.

The above is being furnished you for your information.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Cimperman

Major D. I. Vesey
58, St. James' Street
London, S. W. 1

CC - H. A. R. Philby (MI-6)

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FROM:

PAUL MEYER,
AV. TAMBULIPAS 129-6
MEXICO, D.F. MEXICO

SWI/249-Gfmsv 4601

TO:

DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY,
192 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, 16, N.Y.

LIST:

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SUBMITTED TO:

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MEXICAN RESIDENT DISCUSSES POSSIBLE ENTRY INTO MEXICO OF
WAR PRISONERS

Writer states that as a result of the Hauser-Richter Case, Dutch Government, 1943, by Jack Brent (Y 7000) London, immi and Richter to Mexico will be expedited by instructions of to Authorities in Curacao.

On June 5, 1945, writer informed the Governor of Curacao that Richter are Antinazi-Refugees, officials of the Spanish Republic coming from Franco Concentration Camp Miranda, actually Curacao, Bonaire, not War Prisoners, but Civilians imprisoned because of circumstances. They both have Mexican visas as Political Refugees as permission from the Dutch Government for exit to Mexico 1943.

Writer has requested Dr. Gustave Kullmann, International Refugees, London, W. 19 Hillstreet to make request for Visas for Hauser and Richter.

Writer says that the name of the Mexican Representative was transmitted to addressee by wire. On April 17, Hauser was sent to him by addressee. Neither has he received written instructions about going to Mexico, and writer has advised with Max Simon, Caracas, Venezuela, for information.

Writer further says Otto Katz (See Note 1) failed to follow instructions about obtaining visa, and neither did he get examination. He says Katz will delay the operation because of Czechoslovakia, although writer and Dr. Rudi Zuckerman should be delayed. However, writer says Katz will not be must "carry the responsibility for the consequences of his actions."

Writer encloses a Bank Draft for \$200.00 (U.S. Cr.) to the Union Des Immigres Allemands Antinazis in Paris, and purchase food parcels for friends in France, explaining in sending such parcels from Mexico.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: There is an Otto Katz (SWI/249-Gfmsv 4601) (Simone) in Mexico.

1. Bank Draft.

POST WAR BLACK LISTTo: P28File No. PF 41664 379a

1. All cases at present on the Central Security War Black List are to be reviewed to decide which should be included in the Post War Black List (see Circulars DG/2/45 dated 6 Feb 45 and DG/9/45 dated 27 Apr 45).

2. Each existing case is being passed to the section of the Security Service likely to be concerned therewith since other organisations, which originally supplied some of the names at present included in the CSWBL will not come within, *and are not to be informed of*, the scheme for producing a Post War Black List.

3. Accordingly CSWBL Case No. 599 Name KATZ, O. & O is submitted for your recommendation at a, b or c below.

Date 20 JUN 1945for COL. ADAM.

This case

- (a) Is **Suitable** for Post War Black List
 (b) ~~Is Suitable~~ for sub-section of Post War Black List
 (c) ~~Is Unsuitable~~ for the Post War Black List or sub-section thereof

Delete paragraphs which are inapplicable.

Signed M. J. E. BagdySection F.2.b/MJEB.Date 24.6.45.REMARKS

Otto KATZ has been an active Communist in the international field for at least 15 years.

Seen quoted by S4c 26 JUN 1945
(Red line)

The form should then be passed to Head of Division for counter signature.

Signed Rose 1st 1st 1stDate 26.6.45.Head of Division ADP

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FROM: JACK E. VENEY 51 EDISON MEXICO, D. F.		TO: MR. & MRS. SHERMAN COOPER 6913 PAXTON AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.		LIST: NONE	
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U. S. RESIDENT, CURRENTLY IN MEXICO, REPORTS HE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH PROMINENT FREE GERMAN

Writer encloses a sketch of himself drawn on the reverse side of a business card of the "Vitanova" restaurant, Av. Juarez 40, Mex., D.F., bearing the signature, G. Rother, and asks addressees to save it for him. He says the sketch will suggest an interesting story when he returns to the U.S. He reports that he was out drinking beer with "a half dozen 'free' Germans" (Ex: Probers members of Free Germany) (SWI/249 Bfs 4601, 7900, 7000) on the night of Oct. 22, and while they sat "this one lad" sketched writer. He told writer he had learned to draw while he was in a concentration camp for 22 months.

Writer continues: "By the way, I met Paul Merker (SWI/249 Gfnsvw 4601), the head of the German underground, former member of the Reichstag, author of several books, and the man who probably stands in the same relationship to Germany as did De Gaulle to France. He was good enough to give me an appointment for Friday of this week, when I may ask him any question I wish. He is not a Jew, nor a Communist, but could not stomach the Nazis, and after spending some time in Concentration Camp in Germany, fled to this Country, where he has many followers among the free Germans.

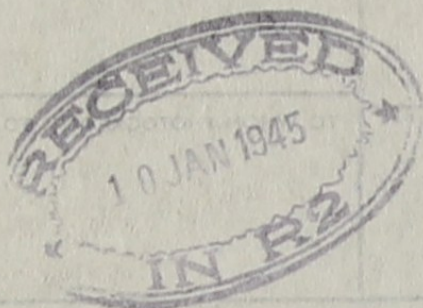
If you like I shall give you a report of my talk with him. He spoke last night on the Morgenthau (sic) plan for dealing with Germany—feels it is a bit what too harsh—but agrees that they must be treated firmly, and for many years to come. His latest book, The Fall Of The German Republic, is being translated into English and should soon be available in the state.

"Met Andre Simon (sic) (SWI/249 Bfjnsw 4601, 7000), author of several books. Anti-Fascist in character. He is linked with the Free German group here. There are many free Germans in Mexico. They are, as you could guess, the cream of the German intelligentsia who could not and would not stand for Hitler and his Fascism. Many of them left Germany before 1933, some as late as 1934 and a few later. Their stories are more interesting than any screen version I have ever seen."

A little later writer adds: "I am afraid, Sherman, that I shall be

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which enclosed a sketch of himself drawn on the reverse side of a business card of the "Victoria" restaurant, in Thayer St., New York City, bearing the name of the man who had been in the concentration camp. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months.

By the way, I met Paul Morley (SWI/242) in New York City. He was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months.

If you like I will give you a report of my talk with him. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months. He said he was a German and was in the concentration camp for 18 months.

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX12650/2772 dated 28th November 1944
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30 Nov 1944

Dear Miss Bagot,

1. Please refer to your P.F. 41664/F.2b/MJEB of 15.2.44 and to the previous voluminous correspondence between our two offices on the subject of OTTO KATZ @ ANDRE SIMONE.
2. We have heard from our representative in Mexico City that KATZ will probably be a member of LOMBARDO TOLEDANO'S party to the London Trade Union Conference in January. He points out that as KATZ is Warble case 599 his visa will be automatically refused. He suggests, however, that refusal of a visa might be unfortunate in the present political situation. This suggestion is supported by our representative in New York, but unfortunately neither he nor our representative in Mexico City gives any reasons.
3. I do not know whether you are sufficiently interested in this view for me to telegraph a request for further elucidation. My own feeling is that you know enough about KATZ to form your own judgment on the desirability or otherwise of letting him into this country.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. R. Phillips,

Miss M. Bagot,
M.I.5.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

17 NOV 1944

P.F. 48014

14th. day of November 1944

SUBJECT Egon
LEHRBURGER @
LARSEN.

REFERENCE TO
PAPERS.

402/44/1072.

With further reference to Egon LEHRBURGER @ LARSEN, subject of Special Branch file 402/44/1072, employed as a Research Worker with the U.S.A. Office of Strategic Services:-

Information has been received from a reliable source that LEHRBURGER spent many years in Berlin, where he collaborated with "Rundschau", a periodical. He then went to Czechoslovakia where he was in receipt of a regular income from the Comintern and worked with [Werner ILBERG]. (ILBERG is now living outside the Metropolitan Police District). LEHRBURGER was never officially a member of the Communist Party and now pretends to be in opposition to the Party. His wife Ursula, was secretary of the G.P.U. agents Dr. Kurt RAPHAEL and Dr. KATZ in Czechoslovakia.

LEHRBURGER is said recently to have taken part in broadcasts from the "westdeutsche Freiheitssender", of SNAEF, to Germany, as have the following other German Communists:-

Wilhelm NECKER, subject of Special Branch file 402/42/826.

[Hans REEFISCH] a dramatist connected with the Free German League of Culture and now

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Otto KATZ

© Rudolf BREDA © André SIMONE.

Czechoslovakian.

Born: Jistebnice. Nr. Prague 27.5.95.

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Otto KATZ has been an active Communist in the International field for at least 15 years. He was at first connected chiefly with the Workers International Relief in Moscow and Berlin, working in the latter city under the direction of Willi MUNZENBERG who was then a leading member of the Western European Bureau of the Communist International. During the Spring of 1931 KATZ represented the Balkan countries at a session of the Executive Committee of the W.I.R. and in August, 1932, he was a delegate to the Amsterdam anti-war Congress. Entries in an old passport issued to KATZ show that five visas for the U.S.S.R. were granted to him between February, 1931, and March, 1933.

During the Spring of 1933 KATZ moved from Berlin to Paris with other members of MUNZENBERG's staff and was given the task of organising a series of German Relief Committees in France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Great Britain. He arrived in England on the 29th March, 1933, and arranged with Isabel BROWN, of the W.I.R., for the immediate establishment of a German Relief Committee. Fifty signatures were obtained to a manifesto, over fifty pounds were collected and the Committee promised a thousand pounds. Two days later KATZ left for France but he has revisited this country on many occasions and has acted as adviser to the British Communist Party on international questions.

KATZ has been connected with various organisations in Paris, associated with the World Committee against War and Fascism and was responsible for the production of the "Brown Book of the Hitler Terror and the Burning of the Reichstag" which was published in this country by Victor COLLIER and in France by Editions Carrefour of which KATZ was a Managing Director. In December, 1933, he attended the Legal Commission of Enquiry into the Reichstag Fire Trial, held in London.

In September, 1935, he and his wife, Ilse née KLAGEMANN, arrived in New York. They remained in the U.S.A. until the end of May, 1936. Details of this visit are not available but he is said to have boasted that he was sent by Willi MUNZENBERG to organise the International Peace Campaigns in the U.S.A., and to have been active in New York, the Middle West and Hollywood. It may be noted that the American Congress against War and Fascism held in Cleveland between January 5th and 7th, 1937, took place during KATZ's visit to the U.S.A.

KATZ was in Spain at the outbreak of the Civil war or immediately afterwards, returning to Paris at or before the beginning of August, 1936. He then paid a short visit to London and on the 29th August wrote from Paris to Isabel BROWN saying that he was leaving for Spain on the following day. When he came to England again in July, 1937, his passport showed that he had visited Spain in March, April, May and July of that year.

During the Spanish Civil War KATZ used the name of SIMONE when running a Spanish news agency set up in Paris in January, 1937, as a centre of information. He continued to act as an

/adviser

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adviser on German and Spanish matters to the British Communist Party and was in close touch with leading British personalities sympathetic to the anti-Fascist and Republican cause.

After the Munich Agreement KATZ turned his attention to Communists who were living as refugees in Czechoslovakia and he was in touch with Miss Ellen WILKINSON regarding visas for the United Kingdom for 25 Communist Deputies, most of them German, who had been living in Czechoslovakia and for Hans KAHLE, a prominent Communist who had commanded the 10th International Brigade in Spain.

KATZ re-visited the U.S.A. during 1939 staying there from April 20th until August 23rd. On this occasion he went as correspondent for "L'Ordre". He stated also that he was a close collaborator of Geneviève TABOUI of "L'Oeuvre". He returned to Paris on August 28th and is said to have volunteered for the Czechoslovak Legion and to have intended to leave France for Oslo. On January, 21st 1940, however, he and his wife arrived in New York again. No information is available about his subsequent activities in the U.S.A. although in June, 1940, it was stated that, according to reports received from private citizens, he was suspected of being a Communist and also a Nazi agent who had been a member of the O.G.P.U. and claimed to have very close affiliations with the German Government.

On November 7th, 1940, KATZ entered Mexico with the assistance of Manuel MUNOZ CASTILLO, honorary Czech Consul. Since his arrival there he has been closely associated with Central European Communists and with the organisation of the Free Germany Movement. He now works chiefly under the name of André SIMONE.

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2.8.44.

M.J.E. Bagot.
M.J.E. Bagot.

Copy for PF 41664 KATZ
Original in CC 302,011. WILLERT. 9a

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18th May, 1944

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Dear Lynch,

With reference to your letter No. 901 of 2nd May,
I have not as yet been able to find out where Paul
WILLERT is employed.

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I should be grateful for any information you can give
me about WILLERT's connection with Otto KATZ.

Your sincerely,
R.H. Hollis

M. Joseph Lynch Esq,
American Embassy.

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No. PF 41664 Name: KATZ

Original in File No. CC 302,011 WILLERT Serial: 20a Dated: 21.6.44

Original from: American Embassy letter Under Ref.: No. 981 dated 21.6.44

Extracted on: 4.7.44 by: SDB Section: R4

Cross-reference to letter from American Embassy to M.I.5 in reply
to our letter dated 18.5.44 requesting further information re KATZ

The Bureau have no further information re Paul WILLERT's connection
with Otto KATZ.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: PF 41664 *F2B 4-7-44* Name: KATZ Otto
 Original in File No. CC 302,011 WILLERT Serial: 7a Dated: 2.5.44
 Original from: American Embassy letter Under Ref.: No. 901 dated 2.5.44
 Extracted on: 4.7.44 by: SDB Section: R4

Cross-reference to letter from the American Embassy to M, I, 5
 re Paul WILLERT mentioning Otto KATZ,

During the Bureau investigation of Otto KATZ, reported to be an agent of the Communist International, information was received that Paul WILLERT co-operated with Otto KATZ in 1939 by taking the funds raised by KATZ from France to England for transmitting them to the Soviet Union. The funds were allegedly raised in America and brought to France by KATZ.

Both KATZ and WILLERT were in Los Angeles during 1940. The Americans would like to know if WILLERT was an employee of British Intelligence (as he was alleged to be) and if he was, what information he supplied to the British authorities re KATZ.

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EXTRACT.

for File No.: PF. 41664. Name: KATZ, Otto.
 in File No.: SF. 411/Latin America. Serial: 18b. Dated: 15.4.44.
 Origin: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX/12650/9327 - 14.4.44.
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 Extracted on: 15.6.44. by: PFB Section: R.4.

From Security Executive report(ref:none - 29.3.44)
re. C.T.A.L. in Latin America, and various
Communists connected therewith. Forwarded by S.I.S.

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32. This Conference, held in July 1943, the second full convention of the C.T.A.L., marked an important point in the latter's evolution. Besides the Cuban government officials mentioned, the first public session was attended by Dimitri ZAIKEN, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S.S.R., who brought "The salutations of STALIN and the Russian people", and by diplomatic representatives of the U.S., China, Haiti and the Free French. Half of the fourteen official delegates from the four vice-presidencies and from Uruguay, Costa Rica, Santo Domingo, Puerto Rico and the U.S.A. were listed as Communist, while a number of other important Party members, including Blas ROCA and Dionisio ENCINAS, secretaries of the Cuban and Mexican C.P.s., Otto KATZ, and the sister of Luiz CARLOS PRESTES, the imprisoned Communist leader in Brazil, were in attendance on their own account. It was further reported that KATZ interviewed President BATISTA and suggested to him the role of patron and protector of the labour movement in Latin-America.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 41664. Name: KATZ.
 Original in File No.: P.F. 48902. WINTERNITZ. Serial: 299a. Dated: 1.4.44
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: _____
 Extracted on: 28.4.44 by: K.F. Section: R/4

Extract from SIS. Report. On letter from Joseph WINTERNITZ
 to L. REINER-FODOR. Mexico.

Please refer to your P.F. 49802/F. 2b/MJEB. of 17.3.44
 Covering a letter from Joseph WINTERNITZ, London to
 Mrs L. REINER-FODOR, Mexico.

..... She is reported to have married Dr Dragutin FODOR
 alias Theodor BALK.

..... She is, at present, employed as secretary to Dr WENDEL,
 of the Czech Legation in Mexico City, and there are indications
 that she is closely associated with Andre SIMONE, alias
 Otto KATZ.

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SECRET.

Mr. Jeffes,
Director,
Passport Control Office.

With reference to VR. 39140, dated 19.2.44.

We have heard from our representative in Mexico that Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE, Warble case 599, has been granted a visa without reference to London by the Consul General in Mexico who has advised Trinidad and that KATZ was leaving on February 14th.

This man, like other Communists, was put on the War Black List as a possible Nazi agent at a time when Germany had not yet attacked Russia and it was thought that Communists were likely to act in a manner hostile to the interests of this country in view of the relations between Germany and Russia existing at that time.

I have consulted M.I.5. who say that the function of the C.S.W.B.L. is to instruct visa-issuing officers and Immigration officers with regard to action to be taken about certain individuals who may attempt to visit the United Kingdom, and it has been the policy to include only those persons who seem likely to travel to this country. The list has been reviewed lately and the only foreign Communist whose names have been retained are a few outstanding people, such as Otto KATZ, who may be described as international organisers and have come here on several occasions, and a few others who seem likely to try to come here as seamen.

The instructions contained in the C.S.W.B.L. are not intended to deal with travel to any country other than the United Kingdom. The British Consul General in Mexico was, therefore, correct in granting, without reference to London, a transit visa allowing KATZ to travel through Trinidad to Montevideo.

(Sgd.)

RG
12-19-44
13/4/44

2 MAR 1944

F.2.B. Miss Wadeson.

P.F. 48014.

Source: KASPAR. No. 45.

27.2.44.

Egon and Ursula LEHRBURGER

Egon LEHRBURGER is an old member of the German Communist Party; in Prague, he belonged to the circle of PIECK junior (the son of the PIECK who sat in the Reichstag as a Communist), Werner ILBERG and Jakob SONNTAG, and worked for the Comintern journals "Rundschau" and "Das Wort". His wife Ursula is an Aryan and the daughter of Dr. Friedrich BURSCHELL by his first marriage. She also belongs to the German Communist Party; in Prague, she lodged in the same house as Elizabeth WARNHOLZ and was secretary to the well known Dr. Kurt RAPHAEL, who worked with KATZ, alias SIMONE. For camouflage purposes, they both worked in the offices of a textiles firm, in the same house as the Shalda Committee, for which Ursula LEHRBURGER also worked.

*
see below

Both LEHRBURGERS work for the Apparat, and are consequently most anxious to conceal their membership of the C.P. Egon LEHRBURGER, as is known, works for the B.B.C. and is also on the editorial staff of "Die Zeitung". He is said to be trying for the chief editor's post. He also writes for the "Golders Green Gazette" and the "Hampstead and Highgate Express", for which latter paper Ursula is said to be a proof-reader. Both LEHRBURGERS are entrusted with propaganda work in English circles and the establishment of English contacts. LEHRBURGER also works in the Authors Section of the Kulturbund.

His father-in-law, Dr. BURSCHELL, has no political attachments and is regarded as an avowed opportunist who thinks only of his material advantages. He has not a good reputation, as there is talk of sundry financial irregularities in connection with him, although there is no actual proof of them. His second wife is Frieda BROD, an actress. In Prague, he was the leader of the Thomas Mann Group of the C.R.T.F. He is said to have brought some capital with him to England.

E.5.L.
1.3.44.

* spoke ESK, who is prepared to withdraw the five sentences of the above in view of ISA. The statements in the same para. about Ursula are factual & derived from a source who knew her in Prague. The Apparat statement is probably an assumption. ESK will not go into details. 11.8.65

P.A. in P.F. 41,664. KATZ.

Orig. in P.F. 48,014.

Vol. 1. Serial 54^A Receipt date 27-2-44SWRK.
11.8.65

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P.F.41664/T.4.a.4 25 Feb. '44.

Mr. Esck,
Passport Control Department.

Otto KATZ.

We are informed by Section V.
of 10.2.44) that

the above, who is WARBLE case 599,
was granted visa for Montevideo via
Trinidad by the British Consul, Mexico,
without prior reference to us, and was
leaving 14.2.44.

There is some doubt however, as to
whether he was actually granted visa,
and we should be grateful if you will ask
the Consul for the facts.

[Signature]
H. P. Alnutt.

EPA/AM.

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Ministry of Home Security,
Home Office Building,
Whitehall, S.W.

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- 12th February, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Beamish,

I am enclosing herewith a cable which Miss Wilkinson has received from an acquaintance of hers, at present living in Mexico City, who is anxious to obtain a transit visa to Trinidad in order to cover a conference of the Latin American Unions against Facism which is being held in Montevideo. Miss Wilkinson considers Mr. Katz to be a reliable and trustworthy individual and a true friend of the Allied cause. She would therefore be grateful if the necessary facilities could be granted in this case.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) K.P. Witney.

MRS. K.I. BEAMISH.

COPY

WESTERN UNION CABLEGRAM

442 MEXICO CITY

9th February 1944

ELLEN WILKINSON
HOME OFFICE LONDON

PLEASE GRANT TRANSIT VISA TRINIDAD TO
COVER CONFERENCE LATIN AMERICAN UNIONS
AGAINST FASCISM IN MONTEVIDEO FOR
LOMBARDOS DAILY POPULAR.

OTTO KATZ RIO DE LA PIEDAD 31.

With the compliment of
Mr. Edmonds.

265c

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

62/14396/1/44

17 February, 1944.

Dear Jeffes,

I enclose copies of correspondence with Miss Ellen Wilkinson regarding the grant of a transit visa for Trinidad to Otto Katz of Mexico City.

It strikes us as somewhat odd that he should seek Miss Wilkinson's support unless he has had difficulty in obtaining a visa through the usual channels, and we feel that you may be able to throw some light on the matter.

We should be grateful for your early observations.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Lieutenant Colonel Ede. (M.I.5).

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) B. D. EDMONDS.

18 FEB 1944

CAPTAIN M. JEFFES, C.M.G.

31 Feb 1944

SECRET

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COPY IN:- S.F.50/14/21.

P.F.41664/F.2b/MJEB.

15th February, 1944.

Dear Mr. Curry,

Would you please refer to your C.X.12650/2772/IX dated 10.2.44 regarding Otto KATZ @ André SIMONE.

I have discussed your letter with Colonel Burne. The function of the C.S.W.B.L. is to instruct visa issuing officers and Immigration officers with regard to action to be taken about certain individuals who may attempt to visit the United Kingdom, and it has been the policy to include only those persons who seem likely to travel to this country. The list has been reviewed lately and the only foreign Communists whose names have been retained are a few outstanding people, such as Otto KATZ, who may be described as international organisers and have come here on several occasions, and a few others who seem likely to try to come here as seamen.

The instructions contained in the C.S.W.B.L are not intended to deal with travel to any country other than the United Kingdom. The British Consul General in Mexico was therefore correct in granting, without reference to London, a transit visa allowing KATZ to travel through Trinidad to Montevideo. There was no question of setting aside "vexatious restrictions" but the Passport authorities noting that KATZ was considered of sufficient importance to be included in the Black List duly passed on the information about his movements.

Yours sincerely,

Secret.*Copy in SF 50/14/21*

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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12 FEB 1944

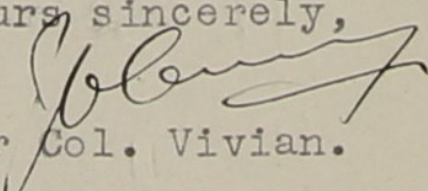
CX/12650/2772, dated 10.2.44.
IX

Dear Miss Bagot,

We have been informed that ^{See L V} ~~X~~ Otto KATZ ^{See L V} @ André SIMONE, WARBLE case 599, has asked for a transit visa through Trinidad en route for Montevideo to attend an anti-Fascist conference as a representative of the Mexican newspaper "El Popular". The British Consul General in Mexico has apparently granted the visa without reference to London and has advised Trinidad. Otto KATZ is leaving on February 14th.

In cases like this the retention of names of prominent Communists on the War Black List seems to cause unnecessary trouble and expense to a number of offices and I suppose that you and I are jointly responsible for keeping them on in the case of foreigners. Will you please let me know whether this is so and whether you think that as a general rule they might all be removed? I am afraid I know nothing about the machinery or with whom the initiative lies, but I am quite certain that the present rather anomalous situation is not satisfactory. What we want is to learn of the movements of people like Otto KATZ, but not to allow vexatious restrictions to remain in force ^{over} to be set aside ~~only~~ when the occasion arises.

Yours sincerely,


for Col. Vivian.

ENCL

11 FEB 1944

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TO

REF

Miss M.J.E. Bagot,
M.I.5.

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H. put copy in SF 50/14/21 (M15 Black List) Feb. L.V.E. Bagot.

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S. Form 81/B.P./3000/11.43.

EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 41664. Name: KATZ.Orig in File No.: S.F. 420/Mexico. Serial: 28. Dated: 24.11.43.
CX/12535/72/4 dated 24.11.43.Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: IX.Extracted on: 10.12.43. by: VFJ Section: R.4.

Extract from London Report re Activities of the Soviet Embassy and the Free Germans in Mexico dated 10.11.43. forwarded to us by S.I.S. on 24.11.43.

.....
 3) The RUSSians do not pay much attention to the Communists in Mexico and behave themselves with great discretion. However, certain of the German Communists have contacts with the Russians. The most influential ~~Communist~~ ~~Mexican~~ German Communist in Mexico is Otto KATZ (Andre SIMONE). Although KATZ is very much disliked by a number of prominent Communists he got himself into the confidence of Lombardo TOLEDANO and is practically the main publicity agent for the latter. By his ideological influence on TOLEDANO he exercises considerable influence on the whole of, not only the Mexican, but the entire Latin-American Workers Movement, TOLEDANO being the leader of the Union of Latin American Workers.

*Copies in P.F. 42279 KLAGEMANN P.F. 42085
P.F. 40961 SCHULZ FREISTADT*

Extract from H.O. file further to minute of 25.10.40
H.O. File 666546 (See 324a)

Suspect Index Revision 1943.

First.

M.I.5.

You saw these papers in October, 1940, minute over page and will notice that we shortly afterwards circulated [Ilse KLAGEMANN's] use of the name KATZ.

In these changing times you may have later knowledge of some of the alien's concerned which would justify cancellation in their case; e.g. death, or radically changed activities. If you have, will you kindly say so? In the absence of anything of the kind we think of maintaining in all the cases.

(Sgd) J.B. Luzmore
11.11.43.

Home Office.

So far as we know, all the subjects of Circular S.C.8465/666,546/H.O. are still alive.

Otto KATZ (who is now using the alias André SIMON), [Dr. Benedict FREISTADT] and Egon Erwin KISCH are living in Mexico taking a prominent part in the organisation of the Latin-American Committee of Free Germans.

Franz Carl WEISSKOPF has been resident in the U.S.A. since 1939 and still follows the orthodox Communist line.

We have no recent information about the other individuals covered by the Circular.

(Sgd) M.J.E. Bagot.

M.I.5/P.F.41664/F.2b/MJEB.
24.11.43.

P.A.

Form 81/B.P./3000/7.43.

EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 41664 Name: KATZ, Otto
 Original in File No.: S.F. 411/Cuba Serial: 55a Dated: 18.8.43.
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: Dated 18.8.43.
 Extracted on: 30.8.43. by: K.E.A. Section: R.4.

Extract from report re "Confederation of Workers of Latin America, -
C.T.A.L." Congress held in Havana, Cuba, July 26.1943.

The congress opened on July 26. 1943, at Havana, Cuba, the first meeting being held in the headquarters of the Confederation of Workers of Cuba, (C.T.C.)

The first meeting of the Congress was attended by President Batista of Cuba, together with the principal leaders of the Cuban Government which has contributed 5,000 dollars toward the expenses of the Congress and is paying all hotel bills of the delegates attending.

Thirtyfive delegates were reported to be in attendance at the opening of the Congress, representing Argentine, Chile Colombia, Costa Rica Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and the United

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States.

The delegates from Mexico are Vicente Lombardo Toladano, Pres.
of the C.T.A.L. and Andre Simon, alias Otto KATZ+, reported to be
Communists.

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L.159/1080/F.2b/MJEB.

18th June, 1943.

SECRET

Dear Mr.

You may be interested in the following extract from American Censor's Comments on a letter, posted on 11.5.43, from Frank JELLINEK, Hotel Monte Carlo, Avenida Uruguay 69, Mexico, D.F. to the Overseas News Agency, in New York City.

"Writer states he is sending the Free German Congress story. Writer states that there will be a few scandal stories about the Congress, which he does not consider of sufficient importance to include. Sources: Enrique Gutmann, Carlos De Negri. "There may be an attempt to exploit the perennial nonsense about Gustav Regler (Exam: B 7000) which really is irrelevant. Andre Simone's (Exam: Bj 4600,7000) name may come up". Simone was at the Congress in a press capacity only. He is not a Free German: he is a Czech. Speaking of Simone writer says he has known him for years and "he's not the sinister power his enemies and possibly he himself think he is."

Otto KATZ alias Andre SIMONE was last mentioned in your C.X.12650/2772/IX dated 23.5.43 and Frank JELLINEK in your C.X. /2753/V.a. of 8.4.43.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M.J.E. Bagot.

M.J.E. Bagot.

Esq.,

S.I.S.

MJEB/PKG.

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No.: P.F.41664 Name: SIMON Andre
 Original in File No.: S.F.427/1 v.3. Serial: 123a Dated: 10.6.43.
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref. dated 10.6.43.
 Extracted on: 20.6.43. by: E.A.P. Section: R.4.

Extract from S.I.S. report dated 23.4.43. forwarded on 10.6.43.
regarding Mexican Communist Party.

10. In Mexico the Communist International is reported to have two principal agents, Juan COMORERA, also Secretary General of the Catalonian Communist Organization, the Partido Socialista Unificado de Catauna (PSUC), and Andre SIMON, alias Otto KATZ, a German Communist born in Czechoslovakia. These two men have close relations with the Mexican Communist Party, and presumably act in an advisory and directorial capacity with local Communist Party.

11. The more important of the two men is said to be Andre SIMON. It is believed that money from the Third International in Moscow is funnelled through him.....

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SUBJECT: OTTO KATZ alias ARTHUR WEISS

4th May 1943.

SECRET

1. OTTO KATZ alias ARTHUR WEISS, German Communist born in Czechoslovakia, is reported to be one of the chief agents of the Third International in Mexico, and to have close liaison with the Mexican Communist Party as well as with the foreign Communist organizations now in the country.
2. It is stated that the Third International in Mexico funnels funds through Katz to their various affiliates in Mexico.
3. One of Katz's confidants, ALAN BARNARD, an American, and ARTHUR PERCIVAL, a Mexican, hold important posts on "EL TIEMPO", Mexican popular news weekly, where Communist influence is said to be strong.
4. "REVISTA MEXICA" a publishing house is said to have been organized by Katz. ERNEST BLANK, an American and friend of the subject is the manager. "LA REVISTA", an open pro-Communist Mexican review was also believed to have been started by Katz. One of his friends, JOSE MARCELINO, Mexican Communist, and EDWARD FRANK, German Communist, are the editors.
5. Katz is stated to be the prime mover in the policies and direction of the "COMITE DE LAS AMERICAS EN U.S.A." which controls all Russian war relief in Mexico.
6. The subject is also thought to have close relations with the following alleged agents of the Third International:

- ✓ a) ^{PF 65903} MARIO MONTANER Italian
- ✓ b) ^{PF 43803} LADISLAV RADVANYI alias JOSEPH SCHMIDT, Hungarian
- ✓ c) ^{215 688} LEO SCHNEIDER alias LEO LAMBERT, German, and his wife, ^{215 688} LAMBERT, a Russian
- ✓ d) ^{RECORDED} ANTONIO CARRAS LAL, Mexican. _{6 AUG 1943}

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Fr. note / add
haves to xx.
Feb. 27.5.43 -
by [signature]

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27/5/43

25 MAY 1943

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX/12650/2772, dated 23.5.43.
IX.M.I.5. (Miss Bagot)

Attached hereto is copy of a re-
port received from Mexico regarding
X Otto KATZ alias André SIMON X

KATZ has been the subject of much
correspondence between us in the past,
vide your PF.41664 of various dates.

KATZ, Otto

P.F. 41664

SIMON, André

X-ref to KATZ.

X-ref to SIMONE, André

P.F. 41664 V.4 CS

S. 25/5/43

JB
25-5-43.

[Signature]
for Colonel Vivian.

ENCL

Report

24 MAY 1943

TO

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P.F. 41664 vol. 4. KATZ.

Original in: P.F. 44497 KATZ Dr. Leopold. serial 19a.

S.F. 411/Mexico/F.2b/MJEB.

26th April, 1943.

Dear

I was interested to see the report regarding the Workers University of Mexico enclosed in your of 22.4.43.

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether Leo KATZ is identical with Leopold KATZ brother of Otto KATZ, born Jistebnici in 1891, or with Dr. Leopold KATZ, born Ujfalu, Hungary on 5.11.89. In this connection please see my S.F. 411/Germany/4/F.2b/MJEB of the 8th May, 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. M.J.E. Bagot.

S.I.S.

JMcC/R4.

J.E.C.
R 19/4/43

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EXTRACT.

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for File No.: P.F. 41664 Name: SIMONE, Andre @ KATZ, Otto
 al in File No.: SF 411/Mexico Serial: 115a Dated: 23-4-43
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: GX/ V.A. dated 22-4-43
 Extracted on: 4-5-43 by: RMP Section: R.4.

Report re WORKERS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO - dated April 7, 1943.

We are informed that the roster of the Workers University in Mexico includes the following:

.....
 Andre SIMONE

As you know the majority of these people are known communists and most of them are active in the Free German Movement. This appears to bear out our recent suggestions that the German Communists in Mexico are the most important and direct activities of all communist groups, including even the Mexican. The only communist group not represented in the above list are the Spaniards.

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A.E. Smeaton

4.2.43

SUBJECT

(Include necessary references to Watch Lists, with Authority requiring the Watch)

Addressee is on the Security List

Cover contains copy of a letter from the writers dated Oct. 13th, 1942 advising that the sum of £5:17s: 8: has been mail transferred to the addressee, covering the amount of statement, particulars of which are overleaf: Writer also encloses a pamphlet which refers to a novel as follows:-

The finest novel to come out of War-Stricken Europe.

"The Seventh Cross"

By Anna Seghers.

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"J'accuse" by Andre Simon

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1925 Australian		4½d	36	1	10
			£ 58	16	7

Out of Print Dec. 1941

Your Commission 10%

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Stalin and Hitler by [Louis Fischer] - Penguin Royalties 5/6
to 31.12.41 No sales - Unearned

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Royalties to 31.12.41

"Mans Courage" by J. Vogel

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Recommendation for Disposal of Letter and Reason

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

dated 18.1.43.

M.I.5. (Miss Bagot)

PP 41664 v. 4, 349A

Reference my of

8.11.42., I enclose a copy of a report
 from our representative in New York in
 regard to a new "Brown Book" which is
 to be published.

P.A. file in
 PP 41664 (KATU)
 + note as marked.

Feb 13.11.43.
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<p><i>U.S. Report</i></p> <p>S.E. P.I.D. M.I.S. I.S.B.B. (Maj. Neame) INF.</p> <p>COMMENT</p> <p>RR. PF 11664 (Katie)</p> <p>CC-5</p> <p>CO-AUTHOR OF BLACK BOOK OF NAZI TERROR DISCUSSES HIS WORK</p> <p>Writer states he is sending by separate mail chapters from Black Book on The Nazi Terror in Europe for use in the New Masses (76). He asks addressee to credit the book for anything he uses and to explain that the book is sponsored by Avila Camacho, Dr. Manuel Pr and President Benes.</p> <p>Its editorial committee is composed Antonio Castro Leal (Bj 4600) Andre Simone, Bodo Uhse (6905), Juan Mejano, Anna Seghers (B 7000, 900) Ludwig Renn (Bj 4600, 7000), Egon Erwin Kisch (Bj 4600).</p> <p>Writer asks that all correspondence directed to him. He states that he is inter in books on Nazi Germany, and adds that he started a history of the German-Soviet War, YEARS THAT SAVED HUMANITY which El Libro Li (Bj 4600) will publish in Spanish and German June.</p> <p>Writer states he is enclosing a letter for addressee's campaign. "Kisch and Renn w</p> <p>"... Renn, Kisch and I will be glad to announced as regular contributors. We think names of Paul Merker, Zodo Uhse, Alexander and Bruno Frei should be added."</p> <p>In an enclosed letter for editors of MASSES writer states the magazine serves "us (Ex; probably refugees) in Mexico as a guide the most important time in their lives when find their way through a haze of misinformation and misinterpretation."</p>				

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December 31, 1942.

NEW "BROWN BOOK".

1. It will be remembered that in a letter of July 15 Ted DRAPER suggested to Otto KATZ that the time was ripe for another "Brown Book". Whether Draper was responsible for the original idea or whether Andre SIMONE, alias Katz, had already thought of it, is not known but in any event plans for this book appear to be now well under way.
2. In a recent letter from Katz to ^{P.F. 49724} Genevieve TABOUIB, he claims that the idea of the book was presented to President Avila CAMACHO who agreed to accept the sponsorship and instructed the National Printing Shop to print it. 10,000 copies are to be published in the Spanish language in Mexico.
3. Katz then proposed that the French section should be prepared by the following authors -
 - French Revolution Against Hitler by ^{P.F. 44896} Pierre COT.
 - Marshal Petain by ^{P.F. 49724} Genevieve TABOUIB.
 - Gen. de Gaulle by ^{P.F. 67842} Henri de KERILLIS.
 - Gabriel Peri by ^{P.F. 78922} Simone TERY.
 Madame Tabouis was asked to contact Pierre COT and Henri KERILLIS and persuade them to contribute.
4. On October 6, Katz sent Genevieve Tabouis an article entitled "Petain or the Origin of a Betrayal", and asked her approval for the inclusion of this material in the Brown Book. The article deals with an interview Petain is alleged to have had in 1935 with Laval and Goering, with his connection with the Comite Secret d'Action Revolutionnaire (C.S.A.R.) in 1936 and with his transmission of German Peace proposals to France in 1939-40. It will be interesting to see whether the article eventually appears in the Brown Book over the signature of Madame Tabouis.
5. Other prospective contributors include ^{JEANNE STERN} Jeanne STERN who was Katz' assistant at Agence Espagne and at L'Ordre, her husband ^{27 AUG 1941} Kurt STERN and ^{P.F. 45687} Bruno FRANK, a German writer. These refugees

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all say what France meant, means and will mean to a free world".

On September 30, Katz acknowledged a contribution from F.C. WEISKOPF and thanked him for his efforts to contact ANOVITCH. He added that he was writing directly to Maurice TERLINK and Pierre van PAASSEN. Paul MERKER has asked Dr. ROSENFELD for a contribution and Thomas MANN has promised an article. Vicente Lombardo TOLEDANO and Egon Erwin KISCH are expected to write for this book. R.L. 451(305)
~~R.L. 451(305)~~

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P.F. 41664/F.2.b/MJEB.

27th December, 1942.

Dear Major Mills,

I attach a copy of comments by the American Censors on articles sent to "NEW MASSES", Mr. Joe Starobin, 461 Fourth Avenue, New York City, by Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE of 31 Avenue del Rio de la Piedad, Mexico, D.F. on 25.10.42.

We cannot identify ^{P.F. 47298}Rudolf FUERTH and should be interested to know whether you have any trace of him.

Yours sincerely,

M.J.E. Bagot.

Major S.H.H. Mills,
S.I.S.

MJEB/DEK.

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28.12.42

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with copy in SF 416/17 ("New masses")
✓ card XX. M.J.E. Bagot.
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COPY SENT TO:- Lt. Col. Hinchley Cooke. Box No. 500. London.

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P.F. 41664/P.2b/WJB.

COPY IN:- P.F. 47282.(BAUER)

Deputy Assistant Commissioner,
Special Branch.

Would you please refer to your report
400/42/14 of the 24th November last regarding Free German
organisations in America.

For record purposes you may care to know that
a slight confusion seems to have arisen with regard to
KATZ, mentioned in the second paragraph of the second page,
as the information given appears to concern two distinct
individuals of this name.

The KATZ who is now living in Mexico and is
in contact with Hans KAHLE, German Communist formerly in
command of the 10th International Brigade in Spain, is
Otto KATZ alias Rudolf KATZ, Czechoslovakian, born
Jistebnice 27.5.95 who has been mentioned in correspondence
between us, ending with your 300/W.LR/32 dated 28.8.39.
This man, accompanied by his wife Ilse, arrived in New
York on 21.1.40, and has been living for some time in
Mexico where he collaborates with Paul MERKER and other
prominent Communists in the Free Germany Movement. In
1941, under the pseudonym André SIMONE, KATZ wrote a book
entitled "J'accuse".

The KATZ who was engaged in refugee work in
Prague and was in close touch with Sir Hubert EMERSON,
League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is
Leopold BAUER alias Rudolf KATZ, born Skalitz 18.12.12.
The Home Office Traffic Index shows that this man visited
England during 1939 and left Croydon for Le Bourget on

9th December, 1942.

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20.7.39. The present whereabouts of Leopold BAUER are not known but, according to our latest information dated December 1941, he was at one time interned at Le Vernet.

(Ed) H.W. Shillito

H.W. Shillito.

9th December, 1942.

S. Form 81/B.P./5000/11.42.

EXTRACT.

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Subject for File No.: P.F. 41664. Name: KATZ, Otto,
 Original in File No.: S.F. 411/U.S.A./3. Serial: 5a. Dated: 18.12.42.
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: CX. /V.A.
 Extracted on: 13.1.43. by: MIT. Section: R.4.

Extract from letter, dated 18.12.42., from S.I.S.,
 enclosing report, dated 18.12.42., from New York, re German
 American Emergency Conference.

.....4. It is also of considerable interest to note that Kurt
 Rosenfeld has been handling the affairs of Otto KATZ, alias Andre
 SIMONE in this country and particularly in connection with the
 law-suit which he was threatening to bring against "The Nation". The
 actual legal aspects are being handled by Osmond Fraenkel of the law
 office of Goldsmith, Jackson and Brock, 76, Beaver Street, N.Y.C.,
 but Dr. Rosenfeld is acting as KATZ's representative here. It is
 also interesting to note that in this connection Otto KATZ admits using
 the name Andre SIMONE, and that the case is referred to as KATZ v.
 "The Nation". There is considerable doubt as to whether this case will
 ever be brought to court as a libel suit would involve considerable
 cost and KATZ is not very anxious to discuss in court whether he is or
 is not a G.P.U. Agent. There would also be a rather piquant situation
 involved in that Julio Alvarez DEL VAYO, whom KATZ wants to call to
 testify on his behalf is also a member of the editorial board of
 "The Nation". Ted DRAPER has also been in touch with KATZ on this
 matter and is in contact with Kurt Rosenfeld.....

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Form 81/B.P./5000/7.42.

EXTRACT.

Act for File No.: P.F. 41664 Name: KATZ, Otto
 Serial in File No.: S.F. 75/USA/10 Serial: 9a Dated: 28-11-42.
 Original from: S.B. Report Under Ref.: 400/42/15
 Extracted on: 5-12-42. by: RMP Section: R.A.A.

S.B. REPORT RE FREE GERMAN ORGANISATIONS dated 24-11-42.

..... The strongest group of the German Communist Party as
 of other sections of the Third International is in Mexico where
 Dr. KATZ, is a member of the Secretariat of International Red Help
 plays an important part. Before the war KATZ was living in Paris.
 He went to Prague where he was General Secretary of the Committee
 for Refugees and was the deciding factor in the issue to refugees
 of visas to Great Britain. KATZ used this position to ensure
 that communists obtained most of these visas. KATZ also used
 his connection with Sir Herbert Emmerson, League of Nations High
 Commissioner for Refugee matters to obtain concessions for commun-
 ists. None of the League of Nations officials, of course, knew
 anything of KATZ's identity, or the nature of his secret work.
 KATZ later went to Mexico and has connection with some of the
 highest Government circles in Mexico. This man is in contact
 with Hans KAHLE the German Communist and ex-officer of the Spanish
 International Brigade, and the two were at one time trying to get
 permission for ex-members of the International Brigade to enter
 Mexico and the United States.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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dated 8.11.42

M.I.5 (Miss Bagot)

P.F. 68036 - Reference the report on [Helene REINEROVA] sent to you under our of 2.6.42, we have now received a copy of an intercepted letter from [Ted DRAPER] to Otto KATZ which you may care to see. Our New York representative's comments on this letter are also attached.

R.L. 451 (302)

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M.M.H

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P.F. 41664 (KATZ)

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October 17, 1942.

R.L.451 (302)

TED DRAPER

1. This latest intercept from Ted DRAPER appears to be of particular interest, as it mentions the possibility of Otto KATZ writing another "Brown Book" and the fact that he may try to get to Russia.

P.F. 43893

2. It is possible that ["Anna SEGHER'S"] good luck" may be the fact that she has just succeeded in having a book published in the United States under the title "The Seventh Cross".

3. "Franz" cannot be definitely identified but, in view of the attitude taken by the Communists in the U.S.A. and Canada in regard to Mikhailovich, it may be worth while looking out for any book on this subject.

P.F. 48573.

4. Vogel and Dolivet are, of course, [Lucien Vogel] the former editor of "Lu" and "Vu" in Paris; and [Louis Dolivet] Secretary General of the Free World Association. "La Voix de France" is a Free French publication in New York, whilst Mme. Tabouis' publication is "Pour La Victoire".

P.F. 44346.

5. Rudi mentioned in the last paragraph is probably Rudolf Feistmann.

6. Note that Katz has apparently changed his address and seems to be proceeding with his lawsuit against the "Nation", which arose out of an article written by the paper at the time of the Serge-Pivert-Gorkin episode in Mexico. The article charged that Katz was a Communist etc....., but mentioned no new facts. Little has been heard of this episode during the past few months.

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From: [T. DRAPER] R.L. 451 (362)
240 Crown St.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

To: OTTO KATZ
31 AVENIDA-DEL-RIO-DE-LA-PIEDAD
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

PF 40726

Writer states [Dr. Rosenfeld] is coming to visit Mexico and will give first hand impression about the Nation case.

Writer assumes that addressee has been working on the Stalin book. He feels certain there is a market for it now, since the papers are afraid to give bad news about Russia.

Writer believes this to be the logical time for another Brown Book, as there is very little anti-Hitler stuff being written and published. Writer suggests that the Brown Book could deal with the German-Soviet war. He has been dreaming of various ways to get addressee to Russia or England and of possibly selling himself as Chef De Protocol. Writer feels that a Brown Book could easily be done in Russia by accumulating material from the German prisoners. He believes that this might be an absolute knockout and wonders if the idea could be sold to the Russians. As editor of the original Brown Book addressee has a better reason for doing it than the people now in Moscow.

Writer asks if addressee has heard of [Anna Segher's] good luck and says she could buy Bellas Artes with all her money. *prob — x-upt RADIANT* PF 43893

Writer says Franz is at Yaddo and is writing a book on Mikhailovich. Writer has a very interesting interview with Litvinoff and several long talks with Alexis Leger. PF 68036 REINER Hagen

Writer says [Helen] no longer works for Mme. Tabouis. The latter is having trouble with her paper. Perhaps there is a plot to start an opposition paper allegedly "left," controlled by [Vogel, Polivet] & Co. and modeled on "La Voix De France". Mme Tabouis' publication is somewhat weak; her best writer is Kerillis. Writer adds [Cot] has been taken into the Gaullist ranks and is no longer so isolated. PF 44396 PF 44396

Writer states he has been reading the British papers and finds it hard to get an altogether clear impression. Churchill is not well liked and nobody knows what to do with him. The opposition is very scattered. The Tories, like Wardlaw-Milne and Sir Herbert Williams, are just waiting for a catastrophe to throw him out. The Communists are making great strides in membership and influence. A story in the New York Times confirms this. They wish to support Churchill against possible opposition. If the Tories had a candidate the situation would be serious. Cripp's "Tribune" criticizes Churchill freely. Something spectacular such as the fall of Alexandria is being awaited, then undoubtedly all the opposition to Churchill will explode. "There is enough dynamite for a big one."

Writer says censorship has ruled that anything pessimistic should not be written to the Latin Americas from here. He finds there is no need to be pessimistic for it is generally believed that production has gone up amazingly; hence the only

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field is political discussion, and "there is the rub." Writer states, "The war is at a stage where the side with the grandest strategy will win, but as yet I have not been able to make out just what our (U.S.) grand strategy is. After Molotov's visit Stalin wrote Roosevelt saying how pleased he was with the results, nevertheless the whole American press was warned that a second front in 1942 was premature and impossible. Regarding these matters the Moscow press is insinuating one thing, while the New York Times hints something else." Writer claims the comforting thought is that if it mystifies us it also mystifies the enemy.

x ref to FRANK Karl Berna Josef

L 1698 (114) Writer asks whether addressee knows that Paul Hagen, (his name used to be [Walter Frank]) wrote a book called "Will Germany Crack." He believes, "this might interest Rudi."

FRANK, Walter

Impostor: Walter RV.

Da Walter.

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FRANK, Karl Berna Josef

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ANDRE SIMONE
31 AV. DEL RIO DE LA PIEDAD
MEXICO, D. F.

TO:

"NEW MASSES"
JOSEPH STAROBIN
461 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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ANDRE SIMONE SENDS ARTICLE TO NEW MASSES

Cover contains letter of transmittal and writers article, "Edouard
Lyons." Contents include:

In letter, writer mentions "New Masses" is read by his friends in Mexico.
book on Nazi terror will be published by his house, The Free Book, and
that no publicity be given it until the list of contributors is complete.
also mentions that a former rector of Mexico University, Antonio Castaneda,
presided at a meeting on the Second Front held in the Hotel Reforma.
were Bodo Uhse (900), Ludwig Renn (Bj 4,600) and the writer.

In the article, writer states "La Croix Rousse," founded in Lyons in 1830,
always upheld the weak; now fights the Gestapo in France. Edouard Merriand
Lyons has been indecisive in his public life, but now he has joined "La
Rousse." Men of Lyons will not lose the fighting tradition of the group
if sent to Germany by Petain and Laval.

EXAMINER'S NOTE: Andre Simone is the pen name of Otto Katz, Czechoslovakian
citizen, permanently resident in Mexico.

El Libro Libre, publishing house is soon to publish a book in Spanish on
Nazi terror in Europe, sponsored by President Avila Camacho. Bodo Uhse
former Fascist now a Communist in Mexico. Ludwig Renn is of interest to
Department of Justice.

"The New Masses" is a Communist propaganda organ which works with Workers
Cultural Federation and Workers Anti-Religious League, which have
control --material and ideological-- over 113 U.S. daily publications, of
interest to British censorship.

Enclosures: 1 letter of transmittal
1 article for publication

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FOR
P.F. 41664 Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE from P.F. 45741.70A

S.I.S. report
recd. 29.8.42.
ref. CX.12650/9204
V.A.
dated 28.8.42.

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May 11, 1942

MARCEAU PIVERT

1. Attached please find copies of three letters regarding Marceau PIVERT.
2. The first is not addressed to him, but was obviously intended for him. SERGE, mentioned therein, is of course, Victor SERGE who is often referred to in this correspondence.
3. The second and third letters are correspondence between PIVERT and Bertram D. WOLF, who is well known to you as one of LOVESTONE's colleagues. It will readily be seen from the letters themselves, that even though LOVE-
STONE's organization as such, may no longer be in existence, the comrades are still keeping in close touch with each other. PIVERT's reply to WOLF is an extremely full and documented life of Andre SIMONE, alias Otto KATZ, and appears to be very interesting.
4. "L.D." mentioned in the first paragraph of letter No. 3 is probably Trotsky (Leon Davidovitch). MEYER is either Dr. Paul MAYER or [Hannes MEYER], both of whom are believed to be Stalinite Communists in Mexico. Note also the reference to Fenner BROCKWAY. We have just received an intercept of a letter from PIVERT to BROCKWAY, which we will send within a few days.
5. We are beginning to receive a considerable number of intercepts of this type, which appear to give a very good insight into the activities and present ways of thinking of Marceau PIVERT, Victor SERGE, Gustave REGLER, and others well known to you. It is our intention to send you copies or extracts of the more important intercepts with any covering notes or explanations which may appear necessary. At the same time, where it appears that further information might be useful to round off a story or clarify any point, we will attempt to obtain this from other sources. Thus, there is some mention in the attached letters of Babette GROSS, who has been the subject of one of your letters. This information with other material is therefore being incorporated in a report on Babette GROSS, now in course of preparation.
6. It may also be possible in due course, for us to compile lists of the correspondents of Marceau PIVERT and others, and we should be glad to be advised whether such lists would be of interest to you. We would also welcome any comments on the above suggested procedure.

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For: P.F.41664. KATZ.

Original filed in: P.F.45741. PIVERT.

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Enclosed with report, dated 11.5.42., forwarded by S.I.S.
on 28.8.42., received 29.8.42.U.S. INTERCEPTFrom:Bertram D. Wolf
68 Montague Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.To:Marceau Pivert
Calle De Nazas 169
MexicoDated: March 27, 1942

"ANDRE SIMONE has just written a long letter to the NATION attacking all four, but especially GUSTAVE REGLER, and denying 1) that he ever worked as a G P U or C. I. Agent; 2) that he ever purchased any newspapers or space in any newspapers; 3) that he ever supported the STALIN-HITLER pact or ceased to be ANTI-FASCIST for a single moment. He claims he was a FRENCH journalist, worked for the newspaper "L'ORDRE", directed AGENCE ESPAGNE, has a consistent ANTI-FASCIST record, which he denies to the people he is attacking. His letter also attacks BABETTE GROSS, claims he did not know of the JOHN WILLES article until after it was published, was never in the UNITED STATES, and that all those he is attacking are part of the CLIVEDEN set (sic!) He sent the letter through his "attorney", KURT ROSENFELD, and demands that the NATION publish it.

Will you please confer with each other and especially with BABETTE GROSS who should know all about him, and get his complete record, e.g., what kind of paper is L'ORDRE, what kind of work did he do for the G P U and C.I., when and where, how did he conduct AGENCE ESPAGNE, did he help in the frameup of the P.O.U.M. and F.A.I., what did he do in SPAIN, in FRANCE (complete details), when did he go to MEXICO, what has he done there (complete details) what public acts did he perform in support of the STALIN-HITLER pact (dates, places, and details), and against the ALLIES while the pact was on, where and when did he speak or write for the purposes of aiding the frameup of the four or any other ANTIFASCIST opponents of STALINISM, etc., etc. In his letter he gives ALVAREZ DEL VAYO and GENEVIEVE TABOUIS as references. Can you give any published materials or other FRENCH informants as sources of information? He charges that REGLER is the Observador d'Artagnan, that REGLER, VICTOR SERGE AND JULIAN GORKIN opened attacks on him as soon as he came to MEXICO and that he never replied beyond defending himself."

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U.S. INTERCEPTFrom:

Marceau PIVERT,
Calle Del Nazas 169,
Mexico, D.F.

To:

Bert WOLFE,
68 Montague St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Date: April 7, 1942

EXTRACT (Original in French):

"Here is a first compilation of facts which have been recut. How can Otto KATZ, Andre SIMONE, have the audacity to write a letter in which he himself admits his own imposture? This shows a man who is losing his grip. He is bringing Babette GROSS into it. Why? How can he implicate her for the first time, in this series of controversial articles. Isn't it because he was a collaborator of her husband Willie MUNZENBERG? Naturally, and he figures that Babette Gross is the only person who knows about his activities. This is where he is mistaken, because back in the time of the Popular Front and the Leon BLUM Government, I had the opportunity to know many things concerning the Comintern's agents. These things are confirmed by our German friends here, who are in opposition to the Stalinists, and among whom are a few who were able to get intimate knowledge of the inner secret organization of the Communist International G.P.U.

"I repeat that I am taking full responsibility for the following resume on Otto Katz's activities. We have had no hesitation in deciding, whether or not he is innocent in the slanderous campaign against us. For my part, I questioned GERANDEL, President of the A.D.I. (International Democratic Association), i.e. some vague organization serving as a cloak for the Stalinists, and I learned that Andre Simone was the directing head. He is the one who arranged the trip for Genevieve TABOUI to whom he is bound by complicity and friendship. He is the one who tells the Mexican Stalinists what to do. Furthermore his responsibilities consist mainly of directing questions of propaganda, rather than handling the detective work itself. The real G.P.U. Chief over him seems to be a German architect named MEYER in whose house L.D.'s death was plotted.

"The second fact, which in our eyes indicated Andre Simone as the guiding force, is the testimony of one of our friends, who on or about January 19 attended a meeting called by Andre Simone for the Hippodrome district. Three hundred rich Jews were present. In the course of his talk the lecturer told how he had gone to see the display window of the Nazi book store of Mexico, and also the Quetzal's window, commented on Victor SERGE's book, 'There is the fifth column, you should not tolerate that'. As he had given several previous public lectures, those who knew him from having worked with him for years, recognized him perfectly. Whence the outstanding and credible description in 'Analysis', of which Gustave REGLER is really author, though he makes no mystery about it. To appreciate to what degrading moral level Katz has fallen, let us briefly review his personal history.

"Otto Katz has been Willie Munzenberg's collaborator since 1929. At that time he organized the 'Universum Bucherei' (that is, he knows very well that

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he was participating in the book publishing trust, supported throughout Germany by Russian funds.) At the same time he had charge of the Piscator Theater, which went into bankruptcy, and as Otto KATZ accumulated enormous debts which even Willie MUNZENBERG's funds could not pay, he was recalled to Moscow in order to escape being sued by his creditors. In Moscow he was hired to produce films for the International Worker's Aid. After this he was once more with a Communist Party publishing house in Berlin.

"PIATNISKY sent him to Paris (and yet he has the audacity to say that he never worked for the Comintern!) There he was co-editor of the Brown Book. Today he pretends he wrote it, when in fact he wrote one chapter, and the truth is that Gustave REGLER was the one who discovered in a Strasbourg library the famous Reichstag blue print, which, with all probability, helped to support the theory that GOERING was guilty, as the plan showed an underground passage connecting Goering's residence and the Reichstag's buildings. Then Willie Munzenberg sent Otto Katz to London, still as a Comintern delegate, to organize the anti-Fascist movement, or to be more exact, the Aid Committee for the Victims of Fascism, which collected substantial sums of money. Following this he left for the U.S. accompanied by the Swedish Socialist, Sonia BRANTING, and the English Nationals, LISTOWEL, MARLEY, and Miss WILKINSON.

"It is easy to see why this trip was undertaken, - its purpose was to organize a Committee similar to the one existing in England. Anyway Otto Katz frequently went to England, and each time he was looked upon as a Comintern delegate by the Intelligence Service who had a detective accompany him constantly, from the time of his landing at Croydon. Because of his 'connections' in certain aristocratic circles (Duchess of Athol) they permitted him to move about freely, always following him, until in 1936 he was forbidden to enter England. At that time Willie Munzenberg set up the Spanish Agency, a center of information on the Spanish Civil War. He placed Otto Katz at the head of the Agency, as his 'lieutenant'. Afterwards he made a last visit to Moscow and broke off. Consequently the Comintern sent the Czechoslovak Communist, SMERAL to Paris to succeed him. P.F. 44820. Otto Katz immediately abandoned his master of yesterday, whom he claimed to admire and call his friend, in order to serve the one holding the money bag. This action reveals his true soul. He was director of the Spanish Agency and executed the orders received. Unfortunately, I am not here in a position to examine the most revealing newspapers, for example the one which attacked POUM in May, 1937. But I read them in Paris, as I was a subscriber. This paper was constantly advocating murder, and the usual trick was to use foul calumnies against its opponents.

"Still under orders from the Comintern Katz went to Spain. Bluff and obnoxious propaganda. One day he received the Duchess of Athol, and asked a militant Communist to introduce him to her as a Spanish priest fighting on the Republican side. At that time, his most influential friend was Louis FISCHER, P.F. 38488, who became Juan NEGRIN's confidant, and who had enormous sums put at the disposal of Soviet propaganda at STALIN's request. (The money was Spanish, Negrin had come through.) Otto Katz had aroused jealousies, for example that of Constanza De La MORA. Louis Fischer protected him, and they portioned out different 'sections', the U.S.A. for Fischer; Sweden, France and England for Katz.

"It was towards the end of 1937 that Otto Katz bought 'L'Ordre' for the

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secret services of the Comintern. Of course I am making a statement which I cannot prove, but no one who knows the principles and underhand business dealings of the press would deny this, and Emile BURE became from that day on, the yes-man of Moscow. Otto KATZ was to be a collaborator of L'Ordre, he also ran the newspaper. At the break of war, under the pressure of unanimous revolt of public opinion concerning the Stalinists' about face, Bure and Genevieve TABOUIIS made a few timid criticisms of the Russians but, as long as Otto Katz cannot deny that he at that time had the means of expressing an opinion on the pact, can he cite one article in which he took a definite stand against his boss, STALIN? It would be necessary to examine the files of 'L'Ordre', but nevertheless it is a safe bet - certain remarks Otto Katz made at the beginning of the war, and which have come back to our ears, leave no doubts in our mind. He said "We must obey". His intimate friend Jeanne STERN had been appointed editor of 'L'Ordre', but he actually was the big boss.

"From 1937 on, and especially from the outbreak of the war he had a mysterious influence on Genevieve Tabouis. Each day at 6 p.m. he would make a friendly phone call and tell her the latest news, that is, what the Stalinist Services wanted published; therefore one of the chief responsibilities of 'L'Oeuvre' and of Genevieve Tabouis at the beginning of war was to hand out this propaganda of indirect justification of the Pact, which consisted in saying 'It is Stalin who is in process of Sovietizing Germany' to the point that Colonel FABRY in 'Le Matin' saw red and outdid her by saying "of course we must fight HITLER, but our principal enemy is Bolshevism".

"Then the Stalinist on duty in every factory would bring out Genevieve Tabouis' article and also that of FABRY, and would prove that Stalin was right. Ask HARMINE who saw this first hand at the factory, and who also knew how the French Stalinist Party, although almost wiped out and without a paper of its own in September, was set going again with 75% efficiency in 3 months time, by these 'patriotic journalists'.

"One edifying detail: the big office from which Otto Katz operated, since the time he ran the Spanish Agency was a stone's throw from where I lived, in a dead-end street, in the XVth arrondissement, between the Rue Paul Barruel and the Rue des Favorites, back of the Thomson-Houston subway station. The man who claims he never worked for the Comintern, and who says he never went to the U.S. (sic) actually worked in that office for 3 years, and left it to make three trips to America - the second trip at the beginning of 1939. This time he was sent by the German Communist Party. He collected money under the pretense of contributing to the 'Thomas Mann Funds' and also for the benefit of the Liberty-Radio broadcasting station, which was no longer in operation, and all this money went to officials of the German Communist Party.

"On his return to France he had a Visitor's Visa, enabling him to return to the U.S. If Washington has a well organized service, it should be possible to find out who issued that visa. At the break of war he was more or less threatened with the concentration camp, as was the case with all foreigners, but was protected by his proteges, Bure and Genevieve Tabouis. The latter saw Georges BONNET and obtained permission for Otto Katz to leave France, and for the third time he landed in the U.S. in Feb. 1940. Now for the comedy. Read the book

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'I Accuse, written by this 'French Writer' who distorts the historical truth, you will see where he describes how his friend MANDEL left the Minister's Council in Bordeaux in June. This action again characterizes him. All of his other assertions are just as true as this one. We are confronted with a sort of unscrupulous international gangster, a coward who contradicts himself.

"Please phone or have the Workers Defense League phone this 'Lawyer Kurt ROSENFELD' who also is 'one of them' and tell him that if his protege insists on lying, there will be plenty of independent newspapers in America that will restore Mr. Otto KATZ's amazingly short memory. It is possible that this warning will be sufficient for this fellow and if 'The Nation' is somewhat uneasy about the affirmations of its collaborator Richard ROVERE, tell those who are worried that this article was really quite below the truth. If a beautiful soul like Mr. Katz's is utilized for such 'dirty work', we should not hesitate to take a broom and clean the place up.

"Don't forget that there are many more details, but this seems sufficient for today. This evening I received a friendly letter from FENNER in London, who very successfully started a petition similar to the Workers Defence League's. He had received Rovere's article and had it distributed immediately. What can we fear? Of course, an accident to one of us is always possible, but on the intellectual and moral plane, we are so sure of victory. The stupidity and shamefulness of our adversaries help us considerably, but your friendship and the enthusiastic vigilance of all the idealists who protect us are our best assurance of victory."



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you for a long time. One is always busy, but I have not heard from you for more than three years that you haven't heard from me directly. Indirectly you might have heard a lot, and I trust that you believed only those news which were in accordance with my character, my beliefs and my past.

If this beginning sounds too solemn, please keep in mind that rumor industry is never so flourishing than in war-time, and I would hate nothing more than to think you or Isabel or any other of my friends could have believed any false information.

Well, where shall I begin? You know of course about "J'Accuse". You might know that I have written another book "Men of Europe", which was quite a success, and that I am now busy working on a biography of Stalin which I call "The Man who Stopped Hitler". You might also know that we are publishing an anti-Nazi monthly in German language called "Free Germany" and a news bulletin in Spanish language. Both are gaining fastly in influence and circulation. The day after tomorrow we start with the publication of a serial of books of German anti-Nazi writers in German language. Our publishing house is called "The Free Book" and the first book will be Egon Erwin Kisch's "Sensation Fair" and the second Feuchtwanger's "I Saw the Devil in France".

You know that Paul Merker recently arrived and that altogether in the last six months about 50 anti-Nazi refugees have arrived whom I know very well. The country is feeling the war more and more. The fight against the Fifth Column activities has been taken up in earnest. We do our share.

Babette Gross is here too with several of her friends, and they do their utmost to hamper our anti-Nazi work. She has launched several attacks on me. You might also have heard the article in the "Nation" about me to which Gustav Regler furnished the lies and Louis Fischer gave his consent. Del Vayo did not know of it before publication, but has not developed tremendous activities to have it corrected. But Lombardo Toledano and seven Mexican M.P.s and Senators, together with Ludwig Renn, Anna Seghers and Egon Erwin Kisch sent a telegram of protest which was printed.

P.T.O.

whether this was the beginning of next, as I think it could be, or a year from now, depends entirely on the second front.

I wonder how things will look when you get this letter. I know how difficult it is to make predictions, but last year about this time when I finished the manuscript of Men of Europe and when the Nazis were advancing fastly in the East, I stakes my whole writer's and journalist's reputation on the prediction that they are going to be stopped and I argued the necessity of a second front with arguments which have now become common property but were then ridiculed. I did so in my book "Men of Europe", especially in the chapter on Stalin and the last chapter.

Now it is your turn to give me a little information about you and Hell and all our friends. I am eagerly awaiting it. Would you in the meanwhile give our best regards to Isabel, Ernie, Harry, Bill, Sidney and all others? Kenneth must by now be in the army or near to it, and your daughter must be grown up.

With love to both of you we are,

Yours as ever,

Otto and Ilse.

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Extracted on: 28.7.42. by: JH. Section: R.4.

Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.

From S.I.S. enclosing report from New York re Communist Activities in Mexico.

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL IN AMERICA.

The meetings took place in this city, from the 16th November, to the 19th.....

.....
 The following can be ascertained:

Contrary to the usual practice of the Communists of gathering only a few international leaders at a time, this time the number of those present was quite large, perhaps due to the importance of the instructions to be given.

The importance of the part taken by the Spanish Communist shows that they are the favourites of Moscow to direct and put into effect internationalism Communism, especially in Europe and America, and that today it is the Spanish Communists who have the trust of Stalin. In view of the above, we give a description of the Communist agents who were present, although we know that they were more numerous:

.....
 Andre SIMON.

N.B. There is some doubt as to the authenticity of this report.
 (See S.I.S. letter dated 26.11.43; at 41a in P.F. 216,469 Jouve).

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RUDOLPH FEISTMANN

We attach copy of a letter sent by G.EISLER to Rudolph FEISTMANN. From this letter it will be seen that FEISTMANN is still extremely active in attempting to secure the release of his friends in French Internments Camps. The OTTO referred to is probably Otto KATZ. . . .

Extract from letter from G.EISLER C/o American Spanish Aid Committee 425 4th Av. New York to Rudolf FEISTMANN 214 Calle de Rajio Dep. 16, Mexico City. 16.2.42. Writer discusses the work of the American Spanish Aid Committee and states P.T.O.

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that "tomorrow the committee will pay the passage for the first five on addressee's list, that to hasten this question is to make it sure, and that the visas are more necessary than ever.

Writer states that in regard to the question of invitation, it will be done as addressee and OTTO propose.

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Letter from Marceau PIVERT, APO 7 Calle del Mazas 169, Mexico D.F.
to Fenner BROCKWAY, 318 Regents Park Road, London, N.3.

Enfin, le chef d'orchestre, qui dirige ici l'organisation
"Alemania Libre" est le tcheque Otto KATZ, dit Andre SIMONE,
soit-disant "ecrivain francais" parce qu'il a corrompu les
journalistes francais en particulier BURE, et son journal
"l'Ordre", (et d'autres que je pourrais aussi citer). Il a
ete charge de la direction du mouvement communiste allemand et
a reproche a des refugies qui peuvent en temoigner de s'etre
engages dans la Legion, en France, pendant la guerre, ceci con-
stituant a ses yeux "UNE TRAHISON" a l'egard de Staline, alors
signataire du Pacte... Il est aide par Bruno FREIDSTADT, dit
Bruno FROEL, autrichien; par Theodor BALK, yougoslave; par
quelques allemandes aussi, comme Egon Erwin KISH, Rudi FEISTMANN...

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[KURT ROSENFELD]TO : OTTO KATZ305 BROADWAY
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Submitted M.I.5.

COMMENT

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Writer adds postscript to copy of letter from OSMOND K. FRAENKEL to "THE NATION," asking addressee about enclosures and what action he wishes to be taken.

Writer is in favor of FRAENKEL'S proposed letter to THE NATION, but is anxious as to the financial question.

ENCLOSURE I. Draft of letter from OSMOND K. FRAENKEL to THE NATION; in which writer states "at the request of DR. KURT ROSENFELD, and on behalf of MR ANDRE SIMONE, also known as OTTO KATZ, I have examined the material which appeared in your issues of FEBRUARY 7th and FEBRUARY 28th, and your subsequent correspondence with DR. ROSENFELD.

Writer considers statements, unless true, libelous in various respects.

Upon publication of telegram relative to this, THE NATION refrained from issuing regret or retribution and the subsequent refusal of publishing letter from MR. SIMONE, implying it would necessitate a detailed reply which would be detrimental to MR. SIMONE.

Writer states that, because of refusal to publish these protests, MR. SIMONE should be given opportunity to see comment which is to be

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DECLARDED

11 OCT 1942

ENCLOSURE -2. Letterhead reads LAW OFFICE GOLDSMITH, JACKSON & BROOK
76 BEAVER STREET, N.Y. Dated April 24, 1942 to MR KURT ROSENFELD.

305 BROADWAY N.Y.

Re: KATZ V THE NATION

Signatory - OSWALD K

KRANENKEL, states that he considers that the article of Feb. 7 is libelous in various respects.

However, action depends on MR. KATZ's ability to find people who are willing to give him support and suggests addressees immediately ascertain DEL VAYO'S attitude toward him.

Writer states he is undecided as to the handling of a libel suit and states he desires to be more fully informed of MR. KATZ' background and activities. If support of DEL VAYO is secured, suggests interview, as matter can be further discussed.

Writer states before further procedure, he wishes discussion about financial matters.

EXAMINER'S NOTE : OTTO KATZ, supposedly an OGPU Agent in MEXICO

DEL VAYO is J. ALVAREZ DEL VAYO on Board of Directors
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10th July, 1942.

Dear Captain

You may be interested in the attached copies of Comments by the American Censors, on correspondence between Kurt ROSENFIELD and Otto KATZ.

~~DECLARDED~~ We have no record of Osmund E. BRAENKEL or GOLDSMITH, JACKSON & SPOCK of 76 Beaver Street, New York.

Yours sincerely, H.W.S.

(Lid) M.V.E. Bagot

for M.J.E. Bagot.

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